

Agency 110

Office of Administrative Hearings**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2003-05 Expenditure Authority	165.3		27,242	27,242
Total Maintenance Level	167.3		28,457	28,457
Difference	2.0		1,215	1,215
Percent Change from Current Biennium	1.2%		4.5%	4.5%
Performance Changes				
Middle Management Reduction	(.4)		(34)	(34)
General Inflation			(110)	(110)
Maintain ALJ/IAJ Salary Alignment			350	350
Convert To Digital Recording			103	103
Replace Computers			154	154
Subtotal	(0.4)		463	463
Total Proposed Budget	166.9		28,920	28,920
Difference	1.7		1,678	1,678
Percent Change from Current Biennium	1.0%		6.2%	6.2%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Administrative Hearings	169.3		28,954	28,954
Middle Management Reduction	(.4)		(34)	(34)
Total Proposed Budget	168.9		28,920	28,920

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS**Middle Management Reduction**

The Governor has directed that middle management be reduced by 1,000 positions by the end of the biennium. This item is this agency's share of the statewide amount.

Maintain ALJ/IAJ Salary Alignment

Administrative Law Judges' (ALJ) salaries are increased by 2.5 percent to maintain alignment with those of Industrial Appeals Judges. (Administrative Hearings Revolving Account-State)

Convert To Digital Recording

Hearings recordings are converted from cassette tape to digital recording. (Administrative Hearings Revolving Account-State)

Replace Computers

Sixty-five aging computers used for the Employment Security Department (ESD) caseload cannot be upgraded to readiness and are replaced with Active Directory ready computers. Funding is also provided to purchase the required infrastructure components. The new computers will enable the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) to participate in the Department of Information Services' (DIS) managed Enterprise Active Directory (EAD) and to utilize single sign-on and self-service capabilities of the new Human Resource Management System. They will also enable OAH to share technology resources with the other 28 state agencies currently participating in the EAD. (Administrative Hearings Revolving Account-State)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Administrative Hearings

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) holds impartial administrative hearings on behalf of most state agencies for the adjudication of disputes between members of the public and the agency. Issues that come before OAH include individuals' claims for unemployment insurance or welfare reform benefits, child support liability, business and professional licensing, special education, whistleblower cases for local governments, and other disputes in which due process of law requires a hearing. OAH conducts hearings and issues findings of fact, conclusions of law, and decisions. The services are funded by payments made by the affected agency. During the 2005-07 Biennium, OAH expects to complete 80 percent of all cases within 90 days of the date the appeal is filed.

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